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**HEADLINE: Lincoln Exhibit Opens at Indiana State Library**

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From ages seven to 21, the boy who was to become the nation's sixteenth president called Indiana his home, forging ties that remained with him throughout his life. To celebrate Lincoln's many connections to the Hoosier state, the Indiana State Library is hosting "Abraham Lincoln Was a Hoosier: An Exhibit" in partnership with the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana State Archives and its parent agency the Indiana Commission on Public Records, and the Indiana Historical Bureau.

We are "delighted to work together in recognizing one of Indiana's greatest leaders," said Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of Indiana.

The exhibit focuses on five key themes relating to Lincoln and Indiana: Lincoln's youth, his politics, the Civil War, his life and death as president, and his legacy to Indiana.

Exhibit items are from the collections of the Indiana State Library, Indiana State Archives, and Indiana Historical Bureau. The exhibit includes letters from Lincoln to prominent Hoosiers like Governor Oliver P. Morton, maps, photographs, traditional stories of Lincoln's boyhood, letters about Lincoln written by Indiana Civil War soldiers to their families, newspaper articles, and sketches of President Lincoln lying in state in the old Indiana State House.

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“Indiana’s state agencies have a tremendous treasure of cultural resources to share with the public,” says Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. “Hoosiers can view this exhibit, some of which has never before been publicly displayed, as a small sample of the resources we have within the State’s collections.”

Roberta Brooker, Interim Director of the Indiana State Library, expresses the Library’s sentiments. “We are happy to supply the Library’s facilities for such a fantastic purpose. We look forward to many more opportunities to work together and showcase state agency historical collections using our exhibit area.”

The exhibit opened on July 29, 2006, as a complement to the keynote speech of the Honorable Frank J. Williams, Chief Justice – Supreme Court of Rhode Island, “Abraham Lincoln and Indiana: A Time and Place to Grow.” The Indiana State Library hosted Chief Justice Williams and other guests at a reception during the annual meetings of the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators.

Pamela Bennett, Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, says, “The Historical Bureau is also honored to have Chief Justices and Court Administrators from across the nation inaugurate this exhibit, and we expect many state employees and other visitors will enjoy it.”

Located in the Library’s Indiana Authors Room on the second floor, the exhibit is open to the public July 31 through August 25 on Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding state holidays. For additional information, please contact Dawn Lipp, Outreach Librarian, at [dlipp@statelib.lib.in.us](mailto:dlipp@statelib.lib.in.us) or 317-232-3699.

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